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APWU Ballot Deadline Extended

The following open letter has been mailed to APWU active and retired members, and official candidates for the APWU 2001 National Officers Election:

September 19, 2001

RE: Change of Deadline Date For Returning Ballots from Oct. 5 to Oct. 12.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, an act of terrorism occurred in the Washington, DC area and in New York City. This resulted in disruption of postal operations and untimely delay of ballots being received by members throughout the country.

The APWU 2001 Election Committee discussed and voted to change the deadline date for ballots to be returned by members of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO and the APWU Retirees Department to the designated post office boxes from 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 to:

2:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2001

LOCAL OFFICERS: Kindly do NOT request duplicate ballots for members who have not received them until after Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Further, due to the lack of space available for this time period, it is necessary to change the location for tallying the ballots from the Ramada Inn in New Carrollton, MD, to:

**RAMADA INN
901 DUAL HIGHWAY, HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740
PHONE: (301) 733-5100**

We welcome your understanding on this change which will afford all APWU active and retired members the fullest opportunity to vote in this APWU National Officers Election.

APWU NATIONAL ELECTION COMMITTEE

**ANTHONY A. TURNER
CHAIRPERSON**

**KOUISE EDWARDS
DOROTHY BLANKENSHIP
IRENE MARTINEZ
JAMES VANYO**

Help Postal Workers

Give to Relief Fund

Since its creation in 1990, the Postal Employees' Relief Fund has provided more than \$4 million in assistance to postal employees who suffered losses in natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes.

APWU members can help their coworkers — and themselves — by contributing to the Postal Employees' Relief Fund through the United Way/Combined Federal Campaign. PERF's CFC designation number for payroll deduction is **0183**.

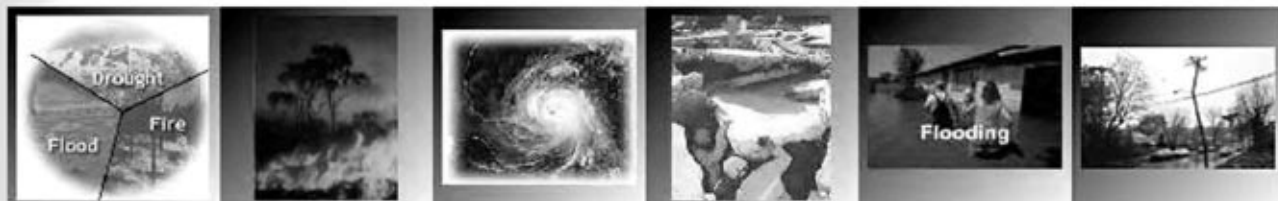
Postal employees are reminded that the Combined

Federal Campaign (CFC) kick-offs are now underway nationwide. Employees are encouraged to give through payroll deduction to CFC #0183. Tax deductible donations may also be given online at www.postalrelief.org (using Visa, MasterCard or American Express) or made by check or money order, payable to PERF, and mailed to:

**Postal Employees' Relief Fund
P.O. Box 34422 - Washington, DC 20043-4422**

All donations are timely acknowledged.

Postal Employees' Relief Fund



WELCOME

Jan. 4-7, 2002, in New Orleans

The APWU Six-State Conference

The APWU Six-State Conference, hosted by Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas, will be held Jan. 2-7, 2002 at the Fairmont Hotel, 123 Barrone St., New Orleans, LA 70112.

The Conference will convene with a general session on Saturday, Jan. 5, from 8 a.m. to noon. That will be followed by training classes on Secretary-Treasurer Duties, Basic and Advanced Stewardship, Clerk Craft, Maintenance Craft, Motor Vehicle Craft, Parliamentary Procedures, Legislative Issues, Auxiliary, FMLA, Small Office Issues, Casuals In Lieu, Safety and Health, and Local Negotiations.

To pre-register for this conference, please complete the registration form below and mail it to the LA APWU, AFL-CIO, at the address given. Pre-registration per person before Dec. 1 is \$50; after Nov. 30, registration will be \$60 per person. Please make your reg-

istration check payable to the APWU of Louisiana.

Hotel reservations may be made by contacting the hotel directly at 504-529-7111 or 1-800-635-4440. Identify yourself as an American Postal Workers Union Six-State Conference participant. The room rates are: Single or Double, \$109; Executive Suite, \$159; and Residential Suite, \$209. Rates are guaranteed until Dec. 1.

Please note that Moizant International Airport is now Louis Armstrong International Airport and we look forward to seeing you in our luxurious French Quarter and CBD area. All commercial airlines fly jet service into Louis Armstrong International Airport.

Shuttle service round trip from the airport to the hotel is \$25 per individual on the "Airport Shuttle Service." Tickets are available at the airport upon arrival. This service begins at 3 a.m. until after the last jet lands for the day.

Pre-registration Form

SIX-STATE CONFERENCE

Jan. 4-7, 2002

(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Local Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Mail registration form and fees to:

**George Brown
LPWU President
P. O. Box 50691
New Orleans, LA 70150**

The "Thank You, Moe" Celebration

A Clerk Conference Special

The membership of the American Postal Workers Union will have a grand opportunity to say "Thank You!" to president Moe Biller at the reception on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Clerk Division Conference in Las Vegas. The event will also celebrate Moe's 86th birthday.

Please join your union at this celebration of Moe's dedication to the membership and his work for the labor movement. This event will be held at the Riviera Hotel, which is the site of the conference. (See the Aug. 8 News Service bulletin or the Sept.-Oct. issue of *The American Postal Worker* for more information about the conference.)

Support the Delta Flight Attendants

They're Fighting for a Union

Imagine going to work one day and learning that the USPS had unilaterally cut your wages. Or think about the effect on your family if the Postal Service altered your health insurance benefits, cut your vacation or made other unilateral changes to your pay, benefits and working conditions.

It can't happen to you because you work under a collective bargaining agreement. But it is happening with frightening regularity to more than 22,000 flight attendants who work at Delta Airlines.

Now, the flight attendants have had enough. Despite an illegal, union-busting campaign, they are fighting back. Soon, they will have a chance to vote to

become part of the Association of Flight Attendants, AFL-CIO, and win a contract to protect their pay, their benefits and their jobs.

You can help the Delta flight attendants. The next time you fly on Delta, let the flight attendants know that over 13 million working people across the country support their fight for a contract. Share with them the power we have when workers stand together to improve our jobs.

If you would like more information on the Delta campaign, visit www.deltaafa.org on the Internet or call 1-888-997-8866.